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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

Bill:

STAT 1. I talked with [redacted] on Thursday, he being your host at your recent appearance at the CIA Management Association meeting. He informs me your presentation was extremely well received and quoted several individuals as saying it was the best speech they had heard from you.

2. Of more pertinence, however, you may recall that he wanted some policy guidance on his group inviting from time to time speakers from outside the Agency. I told him I was acting on your behalf, and there certainly was no objection to the idea. I suggested he work directly with me, and I asked that I be given at least two weeks advance notice before invitations were extended so that I could do a quick vetting in the proper places. I asked if they had anyone in mind particularly at this time, and then my teeth dropped out! The first name he came up with was Dr. James Schlesinger, a sometime employee of this Agency. I suggested that he think of some other names and that sometime in the future we talk about the matter of inviting Dr. Schlesinger. The next name he mentioned was Harold Brownman to which I said that was fine. Harold will be talking to them on 29 January.

/s/ John F. Blake

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